

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
NEW ALBANY DIVISION

IN RE:)	Chapter 11
)	
EASTERN LIVESTOCK CO., LLC,)	Case No. 10-93904-BHL-11
)	
Debtor.)	Hon. Basil H. Lorch III
)	
JAMES A. KNAUER, CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE)	
OF EASTERN LIVESTOCK CO., LLC,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Adversary Proceeding No. ____
v.)	
)	
DEMAIO FARMS & RANCHES, INC. a/k/a)	
DEMAIO LAND AND CATTLE,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

ADVERSARY COMPLAINT

For his complaint against Demaio Farms & Ranches, Inc. a/k/a Demaio Land and Cattle, James A. Knauer, as Chapter 11 Trustee for Eastern Livestock Co., LLC, states as follows:

1. The above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "Adversary Proceeding") arises in and is related to the above-captioned bankruptcy case (the "Chapter 11 Case"), which is currently pending under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana, New Albany Division (the "Court").

2. This Adversary Proceeding is brought pursuant to Rule 7001 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

3. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Adversary Proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.

4. This Adversary Proceeding is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

5. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1409(a).

6. Eastern Livestock Co., LLC ("ELC") was one of the largest cattle dealers in the United States, with operations and assets located in at least eleven states. ELC was headquartered in New Albany, Indiana, with branch locations across several states.

7. Certain petitioning creditors commenced the Chapter 11 Case on December 6, 2010, by filing an involuntary petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code. The Court entered the Order For Relief in An Involuntary Case and Order to Complete Filing on December 28, 2010.

8. James A. Knauer ("Trustee") was appointed as the Chapter 11 Trustee for ELC.

9. Defendant Demaio Farms & Ranches, Inc. a/k/a Demaio Land and Cattle ("Defendant") is a New Mexico corporation with its principal place of business in Clovis, New Mexico. Defendant's registered agent is Vincent Demaio with an address of 1900 W. 21st Street, Clovis, New Mexico 88101. Defendant did business with ELC.

10. In October and November of 2010, ELC and Defendant entered into multiple business transactions, whereby Defendant purchased cattle from ELC and agreed to pay for such cattle.

11. ELC delivered the purchased cattle to Defendant and sent Defendant invoices reflecting amounts owed for the purchases (the "Invoices"). True and accurate copies of the Invoices are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

12. Despite receiving these invoice, as well as subsequent demand for payment, Defendant has refused to pay ELC or the Trustee for the full amounts due and owing under the Invoices for such purchases.

13. Defendant is in breach of the contract between the parties for failing to pay amounts when due. The amount still due and owing is equal to \$244,179.86, plus interest.

14. ELC's estate has been damaged as a direct result of Defendant's breach.

15. All conditions precedent to the Trustee's claims have been performed, have occurred, or have been excused.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee requests that this Court enter judgment in the Trustee's favor and against Defendant and award the Trustee appropriate damages in the amount of \$244,179.86, plus interest, and all other just and proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,

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